

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 8-10, 12 and 14 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An electrophoretic display device, comprising:

a substrate,

a light-transmissive sealing plate;

a partition wall disposed ~~on~~ between a surface of the substrate and the sealing plate,

a liquid layer, disposed in a container ~~defined by~~ including the substrate and the partition wall, comprising electrophoretic particles and a dispersion medium,

a first electrode formed at a position apart from the partition wall on the substrate,

a second electrode formed along the partition wall, and

means for applying a voltage between the first electrode and the second electrode,

wherein at the surface of the substrate defining part of the container, a resistance layer electrically connecting the first electrode and the second electrode is formed; ~~and the electrophoretic particles in the container are moved between a surface of the partition wall and a surface of the resistance layer to effect display.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the resistance layer is formed to cover the partition wall.

4. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the resistance layer has a resistance value, ~~between the first and second electrodes~~, smaller than a resistance value of the liquid layer ~~between the first and second electrodes~~.

5. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the resistance layer is formed of a transparent material, and a light reflection layer is disposed opposite to the liquid layer through the resistance layer.

6. (Original) A device according to claim 5, wherein between the resistance layer and the light reflection layer, a coloring layer formed of an insulating material is disposed.

7. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the first electrode is extendedly formed opposite to the liquid layer through the resistance layer and an insulating layer.

8. (Currently Amended) An electrophoretic display apparatus, comprising:
a substrate,

a light-transmissive sealing plate;

a partition wall disposed ~~on~~ between a surface of the substrate[,] and the
sealing plate;

a liquid layer, disposed in a container ~~defined by~~ including the substrate and
the partition wall, comprising electrophoretic particles and a dispersion medium,

a first electrode formed at a position apart from the partition wall on the
substrate,

a second electrode formed along the partition wall,

a plurality of data lines disposed on the substrate at a certain pitch,

a plurality of scanning lines and a plurality of constant-voltage lines, the
scanning lines and the constant-voltage lines being disposed on the substrate at a certain pitch
while intersecting with the plurality of data lines, and

a switching device and a capacitor which are disposed at each of the
intersections of the data lines and the scanning lines, the capacitor holding a voltage depending
on display data by supplying a sequential scanning signal to the scanning lines and supplying a
data signal to the data lines and depending on the voltage held by the capacitor, a voltage or a
current being applied between the first and second electrodes so as to move the electrophoretic
particles to effect display,

wherein at the surface of the substrate defining part of the container, a
resistance layer for electrically connecting the first electrode and the second electrode is formed;
~~and the electrophoretic particles in the container are moved between a surface of the partition~~
~~wall and a surface of the resistance layer.~~

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein one of terminals terminal of the capacitor is connected with the first electrode, and a time constant defined by a product of an electric resistance between the first and second electrodes and a capacitance of the capacitor is longer than a one-field period in sequential scanning of the scanning lines.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 8, ~~the apparatus~~ further comprising a drive voltage line, disposed at the surface of the substrate, electrically connected with the first electrode, and means for controlling a current flowing between terminals of the connected drive voltage line and the first electrode depending on the voltage held by the capacitor.

11. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the apparatus further comprises means for compensating a fluctuation in current flowing between the terminals.

12. (Currently Amended) A driving method of an electrophoretic display apparatus of the type, wherein the apparatus comprises:

a substrate; a light-transmissive sealing plate; a partition wall disposed on between a surface of the substrate and the sealing plate; a liquid layer, disposed in a container defined by including the substrate and the partition wall, comprising electrophoretic particles and a dispersion medium; a first electrode formed at a position apart from the partition wall on the substrate; a second electrode formed along the partition wall, and a resistance layer for

electrically connecting the first electrode and the second electrode formed at the surface of the substrate defining part of the container;

the driving method comprising:

applying a voltage of one polarity between the first and second electrodes to move the electrophoretic particles to a surface of the partition wall, and

applying a voltage of the other polarity between the first and second electrodes to move the electrophoretic particles to a surface of the resistance layer.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 12, wherein after the electrophoretic particles are moved on the surface of the partition wall or the surface of the resistance layer, a period during which the voltage between the first and second electrodes is substantially zero is provided.

14. (Currently Amended) A driving method of an electrophoretic display apparatus of the type wherein the apparatus comprises:

a substrate; a light-transmissive sealing plate; a partition wall disposed on between a surface of the substrate and the sealing plate; a liquid layer, disposed in a container defined by including the substrate and the partition wall, comprising electrophoretic particles and a dispersion medium; a first electrode formed at a position apart from the partition wall on the substrate; a second electrode formed along the partition wall, and a resistance layer for electrically connecting the first electrode and the second electrode formed at the surface of the substrate defining part of the container; a plurality of data lines disposed on the substrate at a

certain pitch; a plurality of scanning lines and a plurality of constant-voltage lines, the scanning lines and the constant-voltage lines being disposed on the substrate at a certain pitch while intersecting with the plurality of data lines; and a switching device and a capacitor which are disposed at each of the intersections of the data lines and the scanning lines, the capacitor holding a voltage depending on display data by supplying a sequential scanning signal to the scanning lines and supplying a data signal to the data lines and depending on the voltage held by the capacitor, a voltage or a current being applied between the first and second electrodes so as to move the electrophoretic particles to effect display;

the driving method comprising:

sequentially scanning the scanning lines to apply a voltage of one polarity between the first and second electrodes to move the electrophoretic particles to a surface of the partition wall, and

sequentially scanning the scanning lines to apply a voltage of the other polarity between the first and second electrodes to move the electrophoretic particles to a surface of the resistance layer.